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SUMMARY: PRESSING NEED EXISTS FOR ASSIGNMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL AMERICANS AND TWO LOCALS TO EMBASSY STAFF. URGENT NEED FOR REPAIRS TO AND MINOR EXTENSION OF FACILITIES ALSO EXISTS. BOTH ARE CRITICAL IF EMBASSY TO TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OVER NEXT YEAR. REQUIREMENTS ARE SUMMARIZED AND URGENT ASSISTANCE SOLICITED. END SUMMARY.

1. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES EMBASSY KUWAIT'S STAFFING AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR FY 1975-76 WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING URGENT NEEDS ARE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS IN TIMELY MANNER. MORE DETAIL IS CONTAINED IN ANNUAL ASSESSEMTN (REPAIR). JUSTIFICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS SOUGHT ARE UNDER PREPARATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP. SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR THESE POSITIONS AND FOR ADDITIONAL NEEDED FUNDS WILL BE CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S BUDGET SUBMISSION DUE FOR RECEIPT IN DEPARTMENT BY JULY 1.

2. NUMBER OF FACTORS MAKE IT EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO PROJECT STAFFING AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OVER NEXT THREE YEARS. MOST
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IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX IS POTENTIAL GROWTH OF US MILITARY ESTAB-

LISHMENT IN KUWAIT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO EMBASSY. ANOTHER UNKNOWN IS EXTENT TO WHICH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON ENERGY, MONETARY AND INVESTMENT MATTERS WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EMBASSY EFFORT AND EXPERTISE. HOWEVER, A CLEAR AND URGENT NEED EXISTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (TWO AMERICAN AND TWO LOCAL) AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. ALSO, SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF CERTAIN EMBASSY PHYSICAL FACILITIES MAKES IT MANDATORY REPAIRS BE EFFECTED IMMEDIATELY.

3. NEW POSITIONS REQUESTED ARE:

- A) POLITICAL/MILITARY OFFICER (FSO 3/4) TO HEAD POLITICAL SECTION AND TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS RELATED TO FMS PROGRAMS (DOD ANTICIPATES 3-400 DOD AND DOD CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WILL BE IN KUWAIT WITHIN TWO YEARS.)
- B) AMERICAN SECRETARY TO SUPPORT ABOVE OFFICER AND TO LEND ASSISTANCE TO FOUR HARD-WORKING SECRETARIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY.
- C) LOCAL POSITION FOR COMMERCIAL UNIT (REQUESTED AND APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE FOR FY 1976.)
- D) LOCAL POSITION FOR CONSULAR SECTION (REQUESTED IN 1974).

4. FOLLOWING FBO SPECIAL PROJECTS CONSIDERED CRITICAL:

- A) ELECTRICAL WIRING AND ATTIC INSULATION IN CHANCERY (\$65,000) MUST BE REPLACED. (ABOVE IS CONSIDERED SO DANGEROUS IN EVENT OF FIRE THAT WRITTEN EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN FOR SAFETY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM STAFF MEMBERS AND EMBASSY'S INTERNAL DEFENSE PLAN REWRITTEN TO CALL FOR COMPLETE EVACUATION OF BUILDING IN FACE SERIOUS THREATS.)
- B) WAREHOUSE (\$75,000) REQUIRED FOR STORAGE AND WORK SPACE FOR RESIDENT SEABEE (HE CAN'T HELP US IF HE DOESN'T HAVE A PLACE TO WORK.)
- C) SEWAGE LINE INSTALLATION (\$17,500) NECESSARY SINCE SEWAGE CURRENTLY IS DISCHARGED INTO STREET.

5. EMBASSY ANTICIPATES S&E REQUIREMENTS FOR FY-76 WILL BE \$1,058,533 (\$427,343) - PROGRAM AND \$631,190 - SHARED). THIS REPRESENTS MINIMUM FIGURE REQUIRED FOR BARE BONES OPERATIONS. PROBABLY WILL HAVE TO BE INCREASED BEFORE BUDGET SUBMISSION MADE BECAUSE OF LIEKLY REVALUATION OF KUWAITI DINAR.

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YM COMMENT: IT IS REQUESTED THAT NEA MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO ENSURE ABOVE NEEDS MET IN FY-1976 BUDGET.
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